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Kottikulam-Panayal road

* 816 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the work of the Kottikulam-Panayal road in Kasaragode taluk, South Kanara, has been completed; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" (*a*) There is no proposal to form a road from Kottikulam to Panayal.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" Sir, this is a very important question . . . ."

MR. SPEAKER:—" Which question is not important? After all, I have placed only about thirty questions in the list of questions for to-day."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" In view of the importance of this question, this may be taken up to-morrow."

Press communique on trade disputes

* 817 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the facts leading to the issue of a Press communique on 15th July 1954 regarding trade disputes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" The facts leading to the issue of the press communique have been given in the communique itself, namely, the increasing tendency on the part of certain groups of workers in this State to resort to lightning strikes, hunger strikes, and stay-in-strikes for the redressal of their alleged grievances."

Major irrigation and power projects

* 818 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recommended any major irrigation and power projects for this State for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of each?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) This Government have sent certain proposals to the Planning Commission and the matter is still under correspondence with the Commission."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:—" Sir, this is an important question . . ."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Question hour is more or less non-official time and the non-official members must take more interest. I have received answers for a number of questions. If questions are to be postponed like this, it means the answer to so many questions will not see the light of day."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Then, may I request that the question put by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar may be taken up to-day and this question postponed to to-morrow? "

Tile industry

* 819 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Feroke Tile Workers' Union and the Malabar Trade Union Congress recently regarding the constitution of a committee to enquire into the condition of the tile industry; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government examined the question but considered that disputes in individual establishments might be settled by direct negotiation, conciliation or adjudication and that there was no need for a general enquiry by a Tripartite Committee. The Tile Group of the Malabar Committee of All-India Trade Union Congress was informed accordingly."

* 820 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" I request that this may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Filter points

* 821 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many filter points were installed in the West Coast districts in the year 1953–54;

(*b*) how many ryots were given loans by the Government to instal filter points during the same period; and

(*c*) what are the conditions necessary for the installation of filter points?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 23.

" (*b*) 17 (for pumpsets).

" (*c*) An adequate water table and a layer of coarse sandy aquifer of at least 6 feet depth are necessary for the successful installation of filter points."